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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Please cancel claims 1-13 and substitute therefore new claims 14-26 as follows:]

14. A method of, in the compressed domain, forming a composed video image having a first format comprising a number of different original video images having a second format, when the original images are coded using an algorithm forming a video stream comprising a number of independent segments, characterized by the steps of:

composing the original video images having a second format into one image having the first format, and

inserting a segment header at the intersection between a first row of original images in the composed image and a second row of original images in the composed image.